Postal service in rural areas in Uttar Pradesh

†2016. PROF. RAM BAKHSH SINGH VARMA:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to provide proper postal services in the distant rural areas in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The Department of Posts has not formulated any special scheme for distant areas of State of Uttar Pradesh for providing postal services. However, as a part of Annual Plan activity, the Department has laid down certain targets for providing postal services in rural areas, the details of which are given in (b) below.

(b) A target, of opening of 3 Sub Post Offices and 40 branch Post Offices in the normal areas of the State and 2 branch Post Offices in Tribal areas in Uttar Pradesh, has been fixed for 1999-2000. This target is subject to the availability of necessary resources for the purpose.

(c) In view of (b) above, no reply is called for.

Maintenance of Bironkhal Block Telephone Exchange

2017. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a small telephone exchange established in Syunshi of Bironkhal Block of Pauri Garhwal is not properly working for the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that instead of a technical staff a non-technical staff is looking after the maintenance of the exchange resulting in many technical problems in the exchange; and

(c) if the reply to para (a) and (b) be in affirmative, the reasons therefor and the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, the telephone exchange in Syunshi under Bironkhal block has been working satisfactorily for the last one year except during the month of April'99 due to interruption in satellite link and during the month of September'99 due to fault in the power plant/exchange.

(b) and (c) No Sir, the technical work related to the exchange is being attended to by the Junior Telecom Officer posted at Pauri. However, a regular mazdoor posted at Syunshi is looking after the day-to-day maintenance works of the exchange.

Direct dialing facility in Orissa

2018. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the communication network in Orissa is yet to improve to Direct Dialing System within the district;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide this facility to every district in Orissa; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in introducing this facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) The Communication Network in Orissa is adequate within the district. The direct dialing facility on code "90" is available within a Long Distance Charging Area(LDCA) which generally represents a revenue district. The charging of calls within a LDCA however depends upon the radial distance between two charging centers.

Direct dialing at 180 sec.pulse rate (Inter-dialing without STD code) is also provided when:—

(i) Two Short Distance Charging Areas(SDCAs) are adjacent.

(ii) The charging centers of two SDCAs, within the same or adjacent LDCAs is upto 50 Kms.

(iii) The charging centers of two non adjacent LDCAs is upto 50 Kms.

Fall in mail traffic

2019. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the onset of electronic communications,